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no objection to entertained that I can learn except that he has children."

"So have I children," he said, very decisively. "Four of them, and I intend that they shall occupy the same house with me during the next twelve months, at all hazards. So if that is the objection I believe we can drop the subject where it is."

"Ah, yes," said the agent, blandly. "It is only a question of principle, however. The owner is opposed to sending his house to families with children on principle. The house to which I refer forms the only exception to his rule. I have no doubt he could be induced to make the same exception in your favor, sir."

"That is fine, why not for the present?" said the agent.

"Oh, he would for his present tenant, he told me, but the party refuses to pay the increased rental. I am told, and has found another house."

Some further conversation followed. It was shown a plan of the house, and its various excellencies were explained to me. I was fully convinced it was an excellent residence; and after my weary experience in house hunting I felt quite a glow of satisfaction at the prospect of release on such comparatively easy terms. I engaged the house at once. "Have a lease prepared to-day," I said to the agent, "and to-morrow I will call and sign it."

Mrs. Wilkins was overjoyed when I told her all about it that day at dinner. It was plain to see that we had secured a good house for the coming year.

"But, Algy," said my wife, "you haven't told me where the house is situated."

"Well, that's a good joke!" said I. "Upon my word, I never thought to ask! I'll do so after dinner."

I did. The agent said it was in Sutch street.

"Is it?" said I. "Well, that's pleasant. We shan't have to move very far, then, probably, for I live in Sutch street now, and a delightful street it is! What did you say was the number?"

"Seventeen," I cried, in astonishment.

"Yes, sir."

"Between Mikado and Yum Yum avenues?"

"Yes, sir."

"West side?"

"I should think so, yes, yes, my dear," said the agent, "two blocks west of Mikado."

Yes, I had rented my own house at a comfortable advance on last year's figure. When I told Mrs. Wilkins about it she laughed till she cried.

I went roaming over the house, examining its merits critically and scrutinizing the rooms with quite a new and peculiar interest.

"It is a good house, Pen; at any rate, I think so," said I, "very well satisfied. To be sure the kitchen is rather small, and there is more room upstairs than we really need, but I don't believe we could be better suited on the whole."

"And then, Pen, old girl," cried I, in a tone of exultation, "think what an escape from the horrors of moving day! No exorbitant charges to move-wagon men, no smashed mirrors and scratched furniture, no sleeping on the parlor floor, no going to a restaurant to dine en famille. We can be as happy next year as the shepherds of Arcadia. We'll have a regular jamboree in the back yard if it don't rain."—Cincinnati Post.

SILLY NOTHINGS.

AN EMBARRASSING QUESTION.—She (wistfully).—"I think I would make you a good wife." He (a superintendent—mechanically).—"Have you had any experience?"

SHE.—"How much do you love me?" HE.—"More than I can tell. Why, I couldn't love you any more if every one of those freckles were a \$20 gold piece."—Indianapolis Journal.

OVERHEARD AT THE PARTY.—Slingshot.—"They say young Hankinson fell in love with Miss Williams at first sight." Arrogance.—"Yes, of her father's bank-book."—Chicago Tribune.

"HAVE you collected many souvenir spoons, dear?" "Not many," answered the giddy girl; "I have accumulated quite a lot of spoon souvenirs, though—principally saltaires."—Indianapolis Journal.

"I HONESTLY this broad-brimmed hat to keep the light out of my eyes," she said confidently. "Nothing can do that," is answered gallantly, and the world evolved on its regular twenty-four-hour-a-day system just as usual.—Detroit Free Press.

NEW YORK CITY AND PEOPLE.

THE crooked wood floors of a building recently burned in New York were the only portion of the structure not destroyed. They were only charred.

A New York fakir has been arrested for sticking tulip blossoms into perforated Mexican bones and selling them to unsuspecting housewives as Chinese pills.

At a recent fire in a music-box factory in New York "many of the music boxes were not going by the firemen's work, and could be heard wailing above the din of the scene."

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LONDON BY NIGHT.

The Streets of the World's Metropolis Alive with Violent People.

In the west end of London the condition of things at night would disgrace any enlightened community. It is almost impossible, says the Chicago News to pass through some of the most fashionable streets without being molested by the noisy and drunken children of the night, who almost howl down the male passers by in their desperate efforts.

The neighborhoods of the great hotels frequented by American tourists are especially infested by scores of human wolves, who, in their desperation, are ready for anything from persistent begging importunities to garrotting or robbing with violence. If the opportunity only presents itself. A couple of weeks ago an American gentleman, who had just left a large hotel in central London, was suddenly surrounded by a gang of abandoned men and women, dragged into a courtyard and robbed of watch, jewelry and money in a few seconds, and then kicked into insensibility.

Complaints have been made by American ladies of the annoyance to which they are subjected here, even when under the protection of husbands, brothers or friends, from the importunities of "unfortunate" women. The thing has been an open scandal for years, and the authorities have always seemed powerless to check it.

The spectacle which the fashionable Piccadilly presents at night has for a long time past been a disgrace to this metropolis. Although it is the main thoroughfare between the leading theatres and some of the most aristocratic districts, it is blocked every night by rows of women, decked out in gorgeous apparel and wearing flashing jewels, lying in wait for cluermen. A hideous case of depravity was in the papers a day or two ago. Two young women were arrested for some trifling offense while driving with two men in a cab. The police discovered that the cabman was the father of the two girls and that the servant at the house where they lived in shame was actually their mother.

Many are the perils which beset the unwary American visitor who strolls about the streets of London. Not the least of these are the professional "blackmailers," an infamous gang who are the pest of the "modern Babylon." These villains are of both sexes and are banded together in a way that makes them a terror to the individual who gets into their clutches. He will be confronted with the alternatives of a trumped up charge of exposure, exposure, disgrace and social ruin or else must pay hush-money.

Let the American beware of the young, bright-eyed sirens who stroll demurely about the parks, the leading thoroughfares, or the quiet and exclusive nooks of the theaters here. These are some of the baits and decoys of the professional blackmailers and have been trained to endeavor, by all sorts of guiles and arts, to lead strangers into snares which will give the wretches who employ them opportunities of blackmailing.

PROMPT JUSTICE.

A Specimen of Old-Time Massachusetts Law and Order.

In the "History of Beverly," Mass., the following anecdote is related of good justice of the peace in the old colonial times. On a cold night in winter, a traveler called at his house for lodging. The ready hospitality of the justice was about being displayed, when the traveler unluckily uttered a word which his host considered profane.

Upon this he informed his guest that he was a magistrate, pointed out the nature of the offense, and explained the necessity of its being expiated by sitting an hour in the stocks.

Remonstrance was unavailing; for custom at that time allowed the magistrate to convict and punish at once, and in this case he acted as accuser, witness, jury, judge and sheriff, all in one.

Cold as it was, our worthy justice, aided by his son, conducted the traveler to the place of punishment, an open place near the meeting-house where the stocks were placed. Here the traveler was confined in the usual manner, the benevolent executor of the law remaining with him to beguile the time of its tedious by edifying conversation.

At the expiration of the hour, he was reconducted to the house, and hospitably entertained till the next morning, when the traveler departed with, let us hope, a determination to consider his words more carefully before giving them utterance in the hearing of a conscientious magistrate.

A Peculiar Injury.

Chauncey Depew told a Chicago reporter: "Railroad shock is the most peculiar injury imaginable. In a recent accident a man in a Wagner car was asked if he had been injured. 'No,' he replied; 'and a peculiar thing about it is that of four dozen eggs, I had in a basket not one was cracked.' A little later a mutual friend called and said the man had received a shock in the accident that prevented his collecting his thoughts or sleeping. I related the egg incident, but that did not matter. He gave certificates from two prominent New York physicians stating the truth of his claim. I gave him a check for seven thousand five hundred dollars. The man grumbled because it was not enough to yield him a life income. But he took the check, went south, returned in three weeks and resumed business, and has not had a sick day since."

STRONG YARN.

A Race for Life Between a Woman and a Woolen Yarn.

"Did I ever have a fearful adventure?" repeated Mrs. Catharine Cabbage, an old lady of Dedham, Mass., when a party of young people were urging her to tell some of her early experiences. "Yes, fearful enough to me," she added, with a smile. "Twas the year after I was married. Dedham ain't much like what 'twas then. My nearest neighbor was a mile away, but for all that we was a good deal more neighborly than folks be now."

"One winter afternoon I took my knitting work—I was knittin' my husband some indigo blue socks—an' ran over to a neighbor's. I was knittin' the foot, an' I stayed pretty late, hopin' to toe it off; but I jest got it to the merriest an' an' give it up, an' started for home."

"I carried my yarn ball in a bag tied to my waist, an' the lock I tied into my belt, the needles all in it. 'Twas a bright moonlight evenin', but I was always kind of timid to be out alone after dark. The road was lonesome, an' I walked pretty lively."

"I'd gone about a quarter of a mile, I guess, when I heard a noise behind me. I looked back, an' there was a black creature that looked in the twilight bigger'n a woodchuck runnin' close after me. I'd heard stories of wildcats bein' round, an' I thought in a minute 'twas one after me."

"I hurried on, an' I could hear what seemed to be that miserable beast's claws a-scratchin' on the snow, an' the faster I went, the faster he went. I couldn't stand it, so I broke into a run; on came that creature at a run, too. I was terribly frightened. Every time I looked round the wildcat seemed bigger an' the scarier I grew."

"How I run! An' scratch, click, scratch, came that ugly beast after me! You'd scarcely believe how the size of that creature grew. I was certain 'twas a panther."

"I was out o' breath an' wheezin' when I got to the house. Sweet stock in beads on my face. I had jest strength enough to push open the door, rush in, slam it together, an' then I fell full length on the floor."

"My husband was scared enough when he see how I was. 'What's the matter?' he cried out."

"The pan—panther, I gasped, 'chased-me—all-the-way home' and pretty soon I got breath enough to tell my dreadful experience."

"Husband went to the door an' looked out. 'I don't see anything,' he said. Then he began to laugh. 'Here's your panther,' says he, 'an' he came in holdin' out that indigo-blue sock I'd been knittin' on! Every needle was out of it, an' 'twas still held by the ball of yarn in the bag at my belt, an' I'd been a-draggin' it on after me, an' thinkin' 'twas a wild beast!'"

"I felt cheap enough over it. But wasn't that strong yarn to stand all the runnin' and pullin' it got, and not break?"—Youth's Companion.

REMARKABLE YOUNGSTERS.

A BOY in Washington state caught fifty-four wild pigeons with one swoop of his net.

BALTIMORE claims to have a boy of fifteen who can speak eleven languages.

The youngest traveling salesman in Illinois is in the employ of a drug house at Quincy. He is thirteen.

A LITTLE boy of Gordon, Ga., was recently promoted to the head of his class by the teacher for his originality in spelling the word cat—q-u-a-t-t-e.

A KANSAS boy earned a nice Bible by committing 1,000 verses to memory, and then he traded his Bible for a shotgun, and he accidentally shot his aunt in the leg.

A LITTLE boy from North East, Md., while visiting his grandmother in Chester, fell asleep on the floor and rolled under the bed. Before he reappeared the police were scouring the town for a missing boy.

ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE.

A LETTER-CARRIER at Wheeling, W. Va., successfully delivered a letter to a man with the name of George Schwilz-erwitzerenotherheim.

CAMDEN, N. J., boasts of a blind barber who can shave as well as if he had perfect sight. He works every day and makes regular wages.

The yells and other characteristic noises made by boys playing baseball in a vacant lot in New York drove a neighboring man insane.

A PROVIDENCE (R. I.) man hired a wheel, pawned it, stole it from the pawnbroker, sold it for a good sum and got arrested all inside of a few hours.

A NEW YORK wholesale merchant says that he cheerfully puts up with the sharp practices of his travelers, who sharpen the drummer in that respect, as a rule, the more custom he brings to the house.

COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

PENNSYLVANIA coal sells in Italy cheaper than Welsh coal.

OLIVE oil is being shipped from southern California to fill orders in England. MOLASSES can be brought from Cuba in a tank vessel for two cents a gallon.

A LARGE firm in Germany has sent to a dealer in San Diego, Cal., for six thousand cactus plants of many varieties.

More than eighteen thousand gallons of brandy were recently shipped in one lot from Sacramento, Cal., to Bremen, Germany.

PIGS FOR CALICO.

A Comical Scene in Tahiti—Ten Lengths for Ten Hogs.

Our good ship Rem lay at anchor, all eight miles from shore.

In two boats filled with natives, interesting things, we shipped—some of the American flag moved—some of the waves to Tahiti; nearing the shore, rounded the low coral reefs, and soon saw through the softy curving sand on the beach, bearing upon their trays and rude baskets, heads of tropical luxuries.

There were ten in our party—three sailors with an odd five in the boat, but under charge of the natives; and both boats were loaded with the wares we expected to exchange for position and fruits, writes the wife of Capt. Chaplin, in Wide Awake.

As we came nearer the shore, natives leaped into the heavy surf and bore upon their shoulders to the beach, where wonder-eyed women and children stood ready to offer us refreshment.

This offer, our treasure of baskets were exhibited—knives, scissors, comb, pins, tinware, gay ribbons and bright cotton goods. Nothing was regarded with such covetous eyes as a roll of brilliant calico—a regular "Doin' v'at den" pattern; upon an intensely yellow ground were all manner of odd and novel devices, crowns, minnie baby faces, grotesque old men and women with pipes and canes, flags, rings, hags and birds, frogs, toads and gay butterflies—all fantastically arranged, and in divers colors in strongly contrasting shades and tints; it was as if earth, sea and sky had offered tribute.

Lau, a mighty Tahitian chieftain, read in the eyes of his ten obedient wives their longing for this brilliant cloth. Calling for Datto, Lago, Roory, Mintab and half a dozen others, he dispatched them for ten pigs, young and tender; these he would offer in exchange. For each pig should be given him its length of calico; from end of snout to end of tail its measurement should be, and the gay fabric thus measured should be delivered to him in one entire length.

The men, returning with their trophies, squealing burdens, ranged themselves in a circle. Imagine the uproar and din; our sailors, nearly dead with fun and laughter, rolled upon the ground, and the captain and myself were convulsed with silent merriment.

The male stood ready with the roll, when for each pig breaking loose gave the cue for freedom, and bigglesy, pigglesy! the whole of them frantically freed themselves and ran for the woods, the surprised men following suit, yet wholly unable, through convulsive laughter, to immediately regain their fleeing merchandise. This trial of athletes, quadruped and biped, bade fair to swamp the whole day, but since Lau had been decreed, nothing further could be done until this opening trade had been satisfactorily settled.

In vain the captain argued, with Hans Hummerger for interpreter, that one pig amply measured with due allowance for squirming, and ten such lengths given with a balance in the chief's favor, would make every point satisfactory.

No; each little beast should be measured—upon that point old Lau was firm. And finally each pig was again a prisoner in arms, and had its tail firmly tied with strong cord; the creature was then laid upon the sand and a small lad put astride its back; at the tail of each captive was stationed a man of strength and nerve; at its snout another man of equal power; at the moment for measurement these sturdy attendants were to pull vigorously so that not the hundredth part of an inch should be lost.

Now all in line, again the mate proceeds to duty; Lau's dark, handsome features beam with inward joy; the ten wives gesticulate their satisfaction; the measuring is accomplished; the ten lengths, an amount rare, are folded and delivered to the royal purchaser.

After this other exchanges were speedily accomplished, the stores received for the ship's larger amply compensating for all our trouble.

Railroads in Switzerland.

A great amount of railroad building is going on all over Switzerland, sparing no mountain, no valley, and it is surprising to find that this most difficult of all countries for railroad engineering should possess relatively more railways than the New England states. In the latter there is one kilometer of railway to every seventeen square kilometers of land; in Switzerland one to every thirteen square kilometers; in other words, the New England states are four and a half times larger than Switzerland, and have but three times more railway, though in Switzerland one-half of the country is composed by the highest mountain range in the New England states about three thousand dollars a year per kilometer, in Switzerland fifty-five hundred dollars, while the difference is mainly due to summer trade.

Swindling in numbers during the present century, and the latest census gives a population of but forty thousand, a decrease of one-half within a half a century, so that its extinction may soon be complete. The Japanese number forty million, the Americans and it is thought they may soon replace the swindling race and represent the island.

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BRIDGEPORT, AUGUST 1, 1891.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

D. Hays & Bro.—General Merchandise. Eighteenth Agricultural Fair—Biology, Inyo county, September 25th, and 26th, and October 1st and 2nd. Generalissimo Gold & Silver Mining Company—Annual Meeting. Estate of A. H. Wynn, deceased—Notice to Creditors.

Funeral.

W. M. Nelson, of the law firm of Roddy, Campbell & Nelson, of San Francisco, arrived on Sunday to attend to some cases in the Superior Court.

E. L. Benedict and wife, late of Bodie, are returning to Yosemite Valley. Mrs. Benedict has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Benedict, in Fresno.

Miss Cora L. Richards reported her family on Monday, to take charge of the school. A. B. Nathan was over from Jordan on Monday.

R. Hubbard and A. A. Travis were over from Lundy on Monday.

Mrs. Henry Metzger and children, of Bodie, arrived on Friday's stage from Carson on Tuesday and went to Bodie next day.

Judge W. D. Arnot, of Alpine, arrived on Galati's stage on Tuesday, to hold Court for Judge Virden, who is disqualified in many cases.

Wm. Roddy was in from Antelope on Wednesday.

F. M. Bowler, of Hawthorne, Nev., arrived here on Wednesday evening on business before our Superior Court.

The friends of Judge Virden will regret to hear that the condition of his eye has compelled him to return to San Francisco for further treatment. His eye has been worse and very painful the past few days. He left for the city yesterday morning by Galati's stage to Carson.

Rev. Mr. Ahlborn was in town on Thursday, on his way home to Bodie from Conference.

Sherriff Cody and family have returned from their outing at Twin Lakes.

Mr. Evans, of Reno, and one of Nevada's cattle kings, passed through town yesterday on route to Grant Lake, to remain a couple of months. He was accompanied by a large party, comprising a number of vehicles, and forming quite a procession as they drove through town. They have an elaborate camping outfit, and will have a pleasant outing.

Rev. E. R. Rappley, our new minister, arrived from Antelope this morning. He will preach to-morrow.

FOR THE SCHOOL.—The people of Lundy will give a social dance on Monday evening, August 10th, to raise funds for the new school house.

A social dance will also be given at Mono Lake School House on Friday evening, August 11th, to raise funds to furnish the school house. Both are worthy objects, and the lovers of the dance and a social time generally cannot spend their money or time for a better purpose or more agreeably. Secure your partner and be on time.

THE FINER.—The first fruit team to come over the Bonora road this season arrived here on Saturday last with the usual cargo of fruit that the Bonorans were ashamed to give to their near-back hogs, it not being fit for even such hogs to eat. A few of our people were victimized, but they will have to bring better fruit, or take their trash to Bodie. Bridgeporters can get fresher and better fruit by Galati's stage line.

ADMITTED.—On Thursday morning, in the Superior Court F. M. Bowler, of Hawthorne, Nev., on presentation of a certificate of the Supreme Court of Nevada, was admitted to practice in that Court by Judge Arnot, and his name entered of record as associate counsel for Van Loan in the case of Cody vs. Van Loan.

CHERRY FOR CASH.—D. Hays & Bro. are selling desirable goods at the very lowest cash prices, they preferring to drop the "aimable stripes" into their drawer than see the "slow chiding" creep into their books. See their new advertisement on this page.

MRS. TRIMMER, loaded with lumber and merchandise, mostly for Lundy, arrived from Carson on Tuesday afternoon, and departed for Lundy on the following morning.

LEASED.—Judge W. H. Virden has leased the dwelling of Mrs. Harvey Boone on upper Main street, and recently occupied by O. H. Kister, and the Virden household goods will be moved into it to-day.

RELIGIOUS.—Rev. Lloyd Bradley will hold services at the School House to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THE SCALP.—The coyote scalp certificate must pass the State Board of Examiners before they can be paid.

We have had some warm days this week, but a hail storm and one or two thunder showers helped to make existence possible.

The Sierra Nevada Tourist is the name of an interesting weekly published at Hot Springs, Lake Tahoe, California, by Frank Simpson.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Victim, J.

Monday, July 27.

Estate of Bridget Hubbard, deceased—application of Edward Hubbard for letters of administration denied.

Arrest, J.

Thursday, July 30.

Cody vs. Van Loan—on trial.

Friday, July 31.

Cody vs. Van Loan—on trial.

Estate of A. H. Wynn, deceased; Public Administrator William appointed administrator, and it is ordered that notice to creditors be published in the Chronicle-Union.

Saturday, August 1.

Cody vs. Van Loan—on trial.

MONO COUNTY MINES.

Paterson District.

The Great Western mine in the Paterson Mining District has been sold to San Francisco capitalists, who have incorporated the Great Western Mining and Milling Company. Capital stock \$100,000. Directors—Muelin Jones, William Irwin, H. O. Calahan, S. M. Booker and Thomas O. Murphy. William Irwin was the Superintendent of the Standard Consolidated mine at Bodie in its palmy days, and it was through his energy, good management and knowledge of a miner that the Standard became world-renowned as a dividend paying mine. H. O. Calahan is an old Comstock mining man, and both have given considerable attention to the Paterson District mines, Calahan, Irwin, and Jones knowing good mines when they see them, and it is well for the District that these gentlemen have taken hold of this mine. Mr. Jones having been an "old-timer" in this county. The mine belonged to the late Henry Williams, who spent a good deal of money on it, and it has been considered a valuable property, and it is likely the new Company will go to work at once and energetically.

Work in the Paterson District is going on quietly and satisfactorily. Some of the mine owners have concluded to secure U. S. Patents to their claims before the value of their locations claim the attention of the professional blackmailer, who usually bobs up in time to try to throw clouds on a mining title, and prevent a sale, but if an owner has a U. S. title in his pocket he can snap his fingers at such gentry; and such a title saves the expense of searching the records back to Noah's time, as a Patent extinguishes all back titles and acquiesces the blackmailer. In a few days several applications for Patents will be sent to the Independence Land Office.

The Dunderberg.

The Dunderberg tunnel, near Bridgeport has been cleaned out, and Superintendent Purdy will next week take out ten, or more, tons of average ore for an honest working test by mill process in the interest of a syndicate of proposed purchasers. As the ore always assays high, we have no fears of the result of an honest test by modern processes for working refractory ores. There is a mountain of ore that can be run through the Dunderberg tunnel, which will make it a bonanza for its owners, if the ore can be worked cheaply—but the working of a few tons will soon decide the future of this mine.

On the 23d bulletin to the amount of \$10,645 was received in San Francisco from the Bulwer mine at Bodie.

A DIFFERENCE.—At a late meeting of the Supervisors of Fresno county, two bids for burying the indigent dead were opened—one for the local at \$4.95, and the other at \$1 for all. Of course, the \$1 bid was accepted, and the contractor gave a \$400 bond. This looks rather queer to Mono taxpayers who pay \$30 for burying the indigent. None can have a decent burial for \$1, and, as it is not a crime to be an indigent, they are entitled to a respectable interment, but Mono pays more for this service than any other county in the State.

BRIDGEPORTERS should, if possible to do so, attend the party to be given on the evening of the 10th, for the benefit of the school at Lundy. The Lundyites always attend any "doings" we have here, and it is but fair that we should return such favors in kind, particularly when it will be doing a great public good, as in this case—to assist in building and furnishing their new school house.

A CHAMBER ABOUT.—The late Conference at Shannville, assigned its members as follows: Rev. Mr. Ahlborn goes from Bodie and this place to Greenville, Plumas county; Rev. Lloyd Bradley moves from Antelope to Bridgeport and Bodie; and our old friend, Rev. G. B. Hinkle is back to Mono, his headquarters to be in Antelope Valley.

Drink Leale's Soda Water, and you will have no headache.

THE PARENT OF INSOMNIA.

The parent of insomnia or wakefulness is in nine cases out of ten a dyspeptic stomach. Good digestion gives sound sleep, indigestion interferes with it. The brain and stomach sympathize. One of the prominent symptoms of a weak state of the gastric organs is a disturbance of the great nerve entrapment, the brain. Invigorate the stomach, and you restore equilibrium to the great center. A most reliable medicine for the purpose is Hostetter's Stomach Bitter, which is far preferable to mineral sedatives and powerful narcotics which, though they may for a time exert powerful influences upon the brain, soon cease to act, and invariably injure the tone of the stomach. The Bitter, on the contrary, restores activity to the operations of that all important organ, and their beneficial influence is reflected in sound sleep and a tranquil state of the nervous system. A wholesale supply is furnished by the owner of the liver and kidneys by mail.

On Friday afternoon of last week a cloud burst did great damage, and came near wiping out Guma, Nev. A terrible flood poured down the three canyons back of C. W. Dehn's undertaking shop was carried 300 yards, turned over and left tilted on the rocks and drift logs, and fields and orchards were literally ruined by being covered with logs, rocks, etc. Logs 40 feet long and 2 diameters were dumped on the fields. Fire's damage, which cost \$20,000, was entirely destroyed.

The following, says the Western Stationer, should be posted over every merchant's desk. It means discount your paper: 1. One-half per cent. on a 30-day bill paid in ten days is equal to interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum. 2. One and one-half per cent. on a 60-day bill paid in ten days is eleven per cent. 3. Four per cent. off a four months' bill is twelve per cent., or a four months' bill paid in thirty days with three per cent. discount is twelve per cent. 4. Five per cent. off a four months' bill is fifteen per cent., or if paid in thirty days, with four per cent. off, is sixteen per cent. Bills paid are safer than money in any bank, however strong. Cash discounts are the dealer's first profit, and one he is sure of.

Dye Mine.

The Independent says that Hon. P. Roddy recently visited his Dyer mine, where a down hill dyke is running out ore. He has located the Columbia mine, near Dyer, of Frank Silva. It is partially developed, and considerable ore has been shipped.

The Register says that O. H. Hill reports that Benton is on the improve. Mining business seems to be better than it has been for a long time.

The railroad company announces a rate on old buildings, knocked down, freighted from Bodie to Bishop, of \$13.50 per 1000 feet.

A Herd of Snakes.

Several boys of American, Ga., took it into their heads lately to wage a war against the numerous moccasin tribe in Magnolia Dell, and proceeded to carry out the idea. They fought for many hours, running the snakes out of their hiding places, and, after killing them, heaping them in a pile. When they finished the pile would fill a bushel basket. In their joy the boys then stretched them out in a line, which covered a distance of one hundred and fifty yards. There were one hundred and twenty-three snakes in all, of various lengths and sizes.

Field as Single for a Turkey.

An old Nashville (Tenn.) negro, who sells poultry for a living, recently found himself without any stock in trade and means the money to buy more. He had an old gray eagle, though, which he had received from his former master at the close of the war, and this he determined to kill and sell as a turkey, despite the fact that it was known to be about forty years of age. He killed the bird of freedom, sold it for a turkey, and was arrested by the irate purchaser, who had cooked and valiantly tried to eat the national bird.

The Plate leaders have offered to furnish two hundred Plates to pick hops in Sacramento.

DENTISTRY.

Dr. J. H. Spurgeon, of Red Bluff, will be in Bridgeport on Monday, August 10th, and is prepared to do all kind of Dental Work, such as gold plates, and makes the Patent Moulded Gold Crowns. Fourteen years experience. Can safely promise satisfaction. Teeth extracted, without pain or danger, with our wonderful local anesthetic.

MURDER.

MURDER in Bridgeport, July 21st, to the wife of George J. Murphy, a cop.

MEN WELL-KNOWN.

The prince of Wales' life is insured for \$500,000.

COUNT D'ARNAIS, the French consul at New York, has a neat little salary of \$11,000 a year.

THERE are over ten miles of pneumatic tubing in Wanamaker's Philadelphia store, requiring ninety-horse power to operate it.

BYRON of Henry Irving's sons have definitely decided to go upon the stage. The younger, Lawrence, had originally intended to enter the diplomatic service.

A. J. DEXTER, heads the list of Philadelphia rich men with \$65,000,000. The city has one hundred and sixty millionaires whose total holdings foot up over \$248,000,000.

OSCAR WILDE recently started society by dancing at a private reception at a long brown coat, fashionably fastened, a halcyon waist, and yellow carnations in his button-hole.

A NEW ENGLAND man is the legal adviser of the millions of Japan. His name is Henry W. Dunham, and he formerly resided in New Hampshire, though for twenty years or more his home has been in Japan.

REV. DR. BRONKHORST, who fell dead in the Presbyterian general assembly at Detroit, had \$25,000 insurance on his life. His policy expired the day before his death and he renewed it by telegraph.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

It keeps three large Chicago factories busy to manufacture the locomotive headlights and railroad lanterns that are used in this country. The factories give employment to 1,100 men and boys.

An Italian engineer has originated a system by which he proposes to utilize the power of trains running down grade. He has perfected a machine for compressing air as the train goes down grade, which can be used to actuate a motor at the will of the engineer, and be used to assist the locomotive on up grades.

The largest locomotive ever made weighs nearly one hundred tons, and was recently turned out by the Baldwin locomotive works, Philadelphia. It has five pairs of driving wheels, the firebox is eleven feet long, and is guaranteed to haul seven hundred and fifty tons up a grade one hundred and five feet to the mile.

An experiment has been made on a railroad between Rome and Frascati with a new combustible prepared from lignite, rich deposits of which have been found in Italy. Of the new fuel three hundred and sixty-seven kilograms did the work of three hundred kilograms of coal. It is thought the discovery will obviate the necessity of importing coal.

Olden Soldier Living.

Ennis claims to possess the oldest soldier in the world in Col. Crittenden, of Potomac, near Odessa, who on February 7 celebrated his one hundred and seventeenth birthday. Entering the service in 1793, over one hundred years ago, he received from the hands of the Empress Catherine, after the taking of Ismail, where he was serving under Souwaroff, the gold medal. This bears the inscription: "For exceptional bravery at the assault of Ismail, December 11, 1790."

A White Hot Pistol.

Pyrographure is a newly invented process for drawing patterns upon wood or other combustible material by means of a graving point which is kept at a white heat. This point is of platinum, and it is kept hot by a supply of mingled air and hydrocarbon vapor. Other means have before been adopted for burning ornamental devices upon wood for decorative purposes, and such ornamentation, if artistically carried out, is very effective in appearance.

Teacher—Tommy Simpson, have you any good excuse for being late? Tommy (sneaking)—"Yes, ma'am." Teacher—"What is it?" Tommy—"Wallah"—Harper's Bazar.

The San Franciscans continue to have a man of two for breakfast every morning.

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